

Nebraska Comprehensive Cancer Control

Goals and Priority Objectives for 2006



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Goal I: Eliminate Cancer Disparities for all Nebraskans

- 1.2: Evaluate barriers to cancer care and develop a plan for aggressively addressing these barriers.
- 1.3: Distribute information to the public on sources of payment for cancer care.
- 1.7: Evaluate geographic distribution of cancer services across the continuum to identify gaps in services.
- 1.8: Document an increase in availability of cancer materials for non-English speaking residents.
- 3.9: Assess cancer screening and diagnostic services to identify gaps in service. Develop an access plan.

Goal II. Reduce Cancer Risks of People who live in Nebraska.

- 2.1: Document reduction in the number of Nebraskans who use tobacco products.
- 2.2: Partner with existing groups to support/protect tobacco elimination policies and activities.
- 2.3: Document improved overall diet of Nebraskans.
- 2.4: Increase awareness about the links between diet, physical activity and cancer.
- 2.5: Document an increase in the # of Nebraskans participating in 30 minutes of moderately intense physical activity.
- 2.6: Document modification of school and workplace policy to create environments that encourage physical activity.
- 2.7: Provide information and resources on physical activity to cancer healthcare professionals.

Goal III: Increase Early Detection and appropriate Screening for Cancer.

- 3.1: Increase professional training opportunities related to cancer screening and early detection.
- 3.2: Collaborate with partners to promote early detection and cancer screening initiatives.
- 3.3: Provide continuing professional education programs about colorectal cancer screening guidelines.
- 3.4: Support EWM and WW activities/ program in breast and cervical cancer screening.
- 3.5: Disseminate simplified cancer screening guides and recommendations for providers.
- 3.6: Expand the EWM statewide coordinated screening effort for colorectal cancer.
- 3.7 Provide consumer education related to detecting cancer early and at a more treatable stage.

Goal IV: Increase Access to Appropriate and Effective Cancer Treatment and Care.

- 1.5: Distribute information about the ACoS CoC designated Cancer Centers located in Nebraska.
- 4.1: Increase access/use of optimal cancer care for residents.
- 4.2: Identify providers, who are knowledgeable about optimal cancer screening and care.
- 4.3: Convene an expert treatment panel to review and disseminate cancer treatment guidelines.
- 4.4: Identify barriers to receiving state-of-the art treatment; develop strategies to overcome the barriers.
- 4.5: Analyze the status of treatment through a review of existing databases and processes.
- 4.6: Encourage eligible hospitals/cancer treatment facilities to become accredited by the ACoS.
- 4.8: Support development of networks for interaction between cancer specialists and other provider.
- 4.9: Promote policies supporting patient's access to a second opinion from a cancer specialist.
- 4.10: Ensure that payers facilitate prompt access to appropriate cancer treatment and supportive services.

Goal V: Increase Understanding of Cancer Survivorship Quality of Life.

- 5.3: Gather and use quality of cancer care/quality of patient life evaluation data.
- 5.4: Increase awareness, availability and use of cancer patient and family support services.
- 5.5. Adopt components of CDC Lance Armstrong National Plan for Survivorship.

Goal VI: Improve Cancer Knowledge through Education and Training.

- 6.01: Promote professional continuing education programs on cancer-related topics.
- 6.02: Increase public knowledge about cancer prevention, early detection, patient care and survivorship.
- 6.03: Increase knowledge of family history significance and usefulness of screening and genetic testing.
- 6.04: Obtain/develop/distribute linguistically, culturally appropriate patient cancer education materials.
- 6.05: Identify and promote best practices and current cancer research to providers.

All Partners are welcome to join any of the work groups and add their experience and resources to controlling cancer in Nebraska. Please check the CARES website: www.hhss.ne.gov/NebraskaCARES/ or contact staff to join.

Notes: Strategies have been re-worded for clarity, target dates eliminated. Refer to State Plan for original language. Targets for 2004, 2005 and 2006 have been included in this year's priorities. Contact june.ryan@hhss.ne.gov for work plans.